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Rev. A. A. Phelps,

Boston

Mass.

that 800 copies of the inside are much needed, and, if need be, I will be responsible for the expense.

Will you not see to this? You are at liberty to show this letter to friend Garrison if it be necessary. I shall probably not be in Boston till after the next No. of the Liberator is out.

Yours in haste
N. B. Stanton

4th

You are aware that we should have got out an address to the Electors of the 4th. district in a separate sheet, had we been possessed of the requisite funds; & the method we saw fit to adopt, viz getting several hundred Copies of the inside of the Liberator, was merely to save expense. You were aware that we proposed to take only the inside of the paper, because we wished not to divert the attention of the Electors from the subject before them (the election) by any discussion of the "non-resistance government" matter, which might be on the outside.

In a word, our object was to present to the electors the naked subject of the next trial for a Representative in Congress, with as little other matter, ~~as possible~~ no matter how good, as possible

Therefore, if the article in the last paper is continued in the next, I think it would be well that it be taken out before the Extra numbers are printed - I think friend Garrison would assent to this - If not, so strong is my conviction that the Extra would not be the thing we need, that, so far as I am concerned, I should not feel authorized to order any Copies. You, of Course, will act as you think best. If no such article is in this weeks paper, or, if they will consent to take it out as above suggested, I am very strenuous in the opinion

H. B. Stanton
New York Jan 14. 1839.

Bro. Phelps

I have read the leading article in the last Liberator. I see that it is to be continued this week. I wish to say, that I should not like to have such an article as that go out in the 800 or 1000 inside extras which we thought of getting off this week, for three reasons:

1st. We want to bring all the matter in the extra, to bear upon the subject of the Election in No. 4. with as little distracting influence as possible

2nd. I think such an article would have a tendency to create dissentions among our friends in that district, and draw off the attention of those to whom we might send it from the subject of the approaching election, and the demerits of Messrs Brooks & Parmenter. Indeed, I incline to the opinion, that they would think the paper was sent to them on account of that article, and having read it, would not pay much attention to any thing else in the paper.

3d. Thus we should lose all our labor and money - yea, more than this - should defeat the very object we had in view in getting an extra number of the inside of the papers.